Setting up of Food Processing Units in Assam

564. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up food processing units in the State of Assam;

(b) if so, the location-wise details thereof during the last three years and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of funds granted by Government to set up food processing industries in the State during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The Government does not set up Food Processing Industries on its own. Approval of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is also not required for starting a new FPI unit. However, Government has implemented a scheme to provide financial assistance for technology upgradation/ establishment/modernization of the food processing industries. Rate of assistance is 25% of the project cost in general areas subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakh and 33.33% of the project cost in difficult areas including Assam subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakh. During the last three years an amount of Rs. 570.72 lakh has been released to different FPI units in Assam.

Setting up of Regional Packing Centres in Kerala

565. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has approached the Centre for assistance and support for setting up three Regional Packing Centres at Ernakulam, Pathanamthitta and Malappuram;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) A proposal has been received from Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer

Affairs Department, Government of Kerala for financial assistance for setting up of Regional Food Processing cum Packing Centres at Ernakulam, Panthanamthitta and Malappuram in Kerala. The proposal has been scrutinized and required clarifications/supporting information have been called for.

Food Parks in Andhra Pradesh

566. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of food parks in the State of Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry does not set up food parks;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any assistance is given to the State or entrepreneurs by Government in the form of cold storage facilities, warehousing facilities, effluent treatment plant, food testing laboratories, etc;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether his Ministry has made any survey about the utilization of fruits and vegetables for processing in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(g) if so, the details thereof in the last five years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, with a view to make available infrastructural facilities to processing units, under its plan schemes, provides financial assistance @ 25% of project cost in general areas and @ 33.33% of project cost in difficult areas, subject to maximum of Rs. 4.00 crore, for provision of common facilities in Food Parks such as power supply, water supply, cold storage, warehousing facilities, effluent treatment plant, food testing analytical laboratories, common processing facilities etc. The assistance is available to all implementing agencies including State Government undertakings, cooperative, private entities who come forward with viable proposals. The Government does not set up food parks on its own. The Ministry has approved one Food Park for providing financial assistance at Kuppam, District Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh.